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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION, DATED 01/12/2007

This is a response to the Office Action Dated January 12, 2007 which is a requirement for restriction. If any extension of time is required for this filing, such extension of time is requested. If any fee is required for this filing, such fee may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1054.

The applicant elects group II, including claims 10-17 as designated by the examiner, with traverse.

The reason for the traverse is that there is only one invention. The only device that could perform the steps of the method is the device described in claim 1, and similarly, the only way to use the device of claim 1 is by the method of claim 10. The two claims are virtually mirror images of each other.

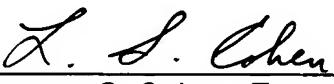
It could be observed that claim 10 claims a start position for the cutting procedure in which the blade and the guide are at a position relative to the positioning ring distal from the drive mechanism. In claim 1, it is claimed to drive the blade assembly with respect to the positioning ring to move the blade and the guide from a position away from the drive mechanism (the start position of claim

10) outside the positioning ring opening toward the drive mechanism at least partially crossing the opening of the positioning ring.

Therefore it is requested that the restriction requirement be reconsidered and withdrawn.

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